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For: TRANSMISSION COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND TAPERED ROLLER BEARING	:	

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The English translation of the reference **JP 05-118336** was cited in a United States application Office Action issued in application number 10/795,389 and its relevance is discussed therein. Copies of three United States Office Actions are attached for the Examiner's information.

The other Japanese references were cited in a Japanese application Office Action and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the references **JP 06-341441 A** and **JP 07-027139 A** have been previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed May 21, 2007 and January 24, 2007, respectively.

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